



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Madeleine PRIGENT, *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/559,595

Group Art Unit: 1774

Confirmation No.: 3132

Examiner: Jill M. GRAY

Filed: April 28, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: Q58982

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For: AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Concerning the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed March 19, 2002, the resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below, wherein the total of forty-five (45) claims previously paid for corresponds to the fee charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 November 27, 2002:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	54	-	45	=	9	X	\$18.00	= \$162.00
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TOTAL								= \$162.00

Please charge the statutory fee of \$162.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002. A petition for two months of extension time is being filed herewith, making this response due on or before May 20, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. A cable comprising at least one optical fiber and at least one covering layer comprising a composite material, wherein:

said composite material is in the form of particles, and said particles have a size of nanometer order and include an organic compound and an inorganic compound;

said inorganic compound (i) is graphite or an inorganic oxide, (ii) has a layered structure, and (iii) has been treated to allow said organic compound to be inserted between the layers of

said inorganic compound; and

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